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TOPIC Military Activities in Schwerin and Rathenow

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REMARKS

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1. On 28 June 1955, 10 T-34 tanks, approximately 18 trucks and some 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia were entrained at the Schwerin freight station and left toward Wittenberge. The unit had come from Moltke Kaserne (5543). On 1 July, this installation was occupied by only about 400 soldiers. Two SP guns, presumably JSU-122s, practiced driving in the installation training area. 1
2. Between 22 June and 1 July, the Krueger Kaserne (5542) in Schwerin was occupied to capacity. Up to 5 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 5 YA-12 prime movers, 3 AT guns, presumably of 85-mm, 1 x 57-mm AT gun and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in the barracks yard and during marches to the Sternbuchholz training area. 2
3. After 22 June, no training was observed in the Fritsch Kaserne (5544) in Schwerin. Prior to 1 July, the installation was occupied by only a guard detail. 3
4. At 1300 on 27 June, 4 M-13 rocket launchers, approximately 8 trucks and 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Schwerin freight station and left toward Wittenberge. The unit had come from the Hindenburg Kaserne (5545).
5. At about 2000 on 26 June, a unit with 14 light and heavy rocket launchers, 40 trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 field kitchen and approximately 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow from the direction of Neue Schleuse-Altengrabow. After the arrival of the unit, the installation was occupied by some 600 soldiers. 5

1. ☐ Comment. A tank company of the 74th Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was entrained, presumably for Letzling Heath.

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2. ☐ Comment. According to the present information, the 4th Gds Arty Brig of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps can be confirmed in Schwerin

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until 1 July 1955. The guns are believed to have been heavy 100-mm AT guns, rather than 85-mm AT guns.

3. Comment. The headquarters and the other units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which are stationed in the Fritsch Kaserne were apparently absent from the post for exercises after 22 June. 25X1
4. Comment. After July 1954, units of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps were no longer observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Since that time, the regiment had been repeatedly confirmed in Camp Priemerwald (5146) in Guestrow by shipments and APNs. A small detail may have remained in the Hindenburg Kaserne. 25X1
5. Comment. rear details of the brigades of the 6th Arty Div including 4 rocket launchers had been entrained in Rathenow, presumably for Altengrabow, on 19 June. On 26 June elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig possibly returned to their posts from major firing practices which may have been held in Altengrabow. 25X1

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